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Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise once again to ask for us to look at the prescription drug plan that would provide our seniors with immediate relief. As prices continue to soar out of control, our seniors struggle on fixed incomes. They struggle to pay for their blood pressure prescriptions, they struggle to pay for their anti-inflammatory medication that costs over \$1,800 a year.

Our seniors deserve better. They deserve to live their lives in dignity and without anxiety over whether they can eat or pay for their medication, or whether they can turn their heaters on or their air conditioners on. It is with great frustration that I continue to ask the Republicans to do the right thing, but they continue to push a limited plan that will not work. It will leave too many seniors behind.

Madam Speaker, it is time for us to bring a real prescription drug plan to the floor, one that is voluntary, one that is universal, one where every senior would have access, no matter where they live or what they do. Let us do the right thing and respond to our seniors.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE U.S. SOCCER TEAM

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, I would like to join my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. WALSH), in extending congratulations to the U.S. Soccer Team.

Clearly, the greatest upset of the World Cup tournament has been this win of the U.S. team over Portugal. Coach Arena was extraordinarily bold in putting two great 20-year-olds in to ensure that they would have the chance to play a role in leading this team to victory.

Landon Donovan and DaMarcus Beasley are two new players who are obviously fighting very, very hard on behalf of the United States. As we head into the quarter finals, as the gentleman from New York (Mr. WALSH) said, there are a billion people around the world who are following the World Cup, and I hope very much that more Americans are among them as we see a spectacular U.S. victory.

#### MIRANDA GADDIS AND ASHLEY POND FROM OREGON ARE STILL MISSING

(Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Madam Speaker, on June 3 People Magazine featured two young women. I come before this House again today to alert those who may be watching in Oregon and across the Nation to the tragic

plight of two young teenagers from my district.

Miranda Gaddis and Ashley Pond, both 13 years of age, students at Gardiner Middle School in Oregon City and teammates on the school dance team, have been missing now for almost 3 months and 5 months. Ashley disappeared January 9; Miranda, March 8. Oregon City was shocked by the abduction of Ashley in January, and paid extra attention to keeping their children safe. Two months later and with their guard still up, the unthinkable happened and Miranda disappeared.

Both Ashley and Miranda were last seen by their mothers early in the morning as they left their homes at the Newell Village Creek apartments to catch the school bus. The FBI has confirmed that the disappearances appear to be related and that foul play is likely to be involved.

If Members have any information regarding Ashley or Miranda's whereabouts, I ask them to please contact their local FBI office. Let us not forget about our children. Let us not give up hope about our missing children.

#### PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I stand in support of a comprehensive prescription drug plan. We need to do something for our seniors. Seniors are the ones that made our country great, and too often we forget their contribution and what they have done.

We have a responsibility. Today many of them are faced with a crisis, and I say with a crisis, because now they have to pay an abundance of dollars on a fixed income. It becomes so difficult for our seniors to put food on the table when they have to decide what to do: "Do I pay for medication that will relieve the pain and agony that I have?"

Some of these seniors have 15 to 30 prescription drugs that they have to pay for. It is too high. It has gotten ridiculous. This is not about profit, this is about taking care of the American people. This is about taking care of our seniors. We need to make sure that we come up with a comprehensive medical plan that covers them. We owe it to our seniors and we owe it to Americans, we owe it to this country.

I say, let us get behind a good, comprehensive plan that covers our seniors. They have suffered enough. Let us help them.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 1372, EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2002

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 433 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 433

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 1372) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for purposes of debate only.

Madam Speaker, yesterday the Committee on Rules met and granted a normal conference report rule for the Senate bill, S. 1372, the Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 2002. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration.

In addition, the rule provides for 1 hour of debate, equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services.

Madam Speaker, this should not be a controversial rule. It is the type of rule we grant every time for every conference report we consider in this House. The conference report itself is a strong step forward to help American manufacturers, American workers, and the American economy.

Madam Speaker, the Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 2002 reauthorizes the bank for 4 years. The Ex-Im Bank plays a key role of promoting U.S. exports overseas and levelling the playing field of international trade, which is especially important to my area in North Carolina. The bank is an important tool for American manufacturers, enabling them to reach markets in which they would otherwise be closed out.

By reauthorizing the Ex-Im Bank, we demonstrate our commitment to promoting U.S. goods throughout the world and the U.S. economy at home. It has important provisions that encourage small business transactions by increasing the small business mandate for Ex-Im from the current statutory minimum of 10 percent to a minimum of 20 percent of total Ex-Im financing, and that will help small business. It gives them a bigger share of the pie.

It also requires Ex-Im to conduct outreach and increase loans to socially-disadvantaged individuals, our women, and to businesses which employ fewer than 100 employees; again, a big help, especially when so many corporations and small businesses in our country are starting to do more export.

That is especially true in my area. We have a lot of small businesses that are exporting in the last couple of years North Carolina products that had never done that before, so we are always looking for ways to encourage that.